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SEAFOOD PACKAGING

Problems regarding net weight fraud in the labeling of seafood exist widely in the wholesale marketplace. For many years, the practice of over-ice glazing various types of fish and seafood has taken place, with the weight of the ice often included in the labeled net weight on product packages. This results in restaurants, retail grocery stores, and end consumers being charged excessive seafood prices for nothing more than water.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures is locally responsible for overseeing seafood packaging practices. The commissioner has been conducting a focused investigation of this abusive, fraudulent industry practice.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to provide a report to the Board on the status of his investigation in two weeks.

Some of the investigations may require confidentiality so as to not compromise any open investigations of specific wholesalers. The commissioner should consult with County Counsel on any questions of confidentiality and how this information should be transmitted to the Board.

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